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Castro Valley's Suzanne Barba Honored as 18th Assembly District Woman of the Year

Assemblymember Ellen Corbett (D-San Leandro) and the California State Assembly honored Suzanne Barba of Castro Valley as "Woman of the Year" for Assembly District 18. A special ceremony was conducted on the Assembly Floor on Monday, March 24, 2003, to recognize outstanding community leaders from every Assembly and Senate district in the state.

"Suzanne Barba epitomizes active citizenship and community leadership by her tireless dedication to her community. Her involvement in educational, healthcare and civic organizations is phenomenal and I am honored to have her as a constituent," Corbett said.

Ms. Barba is a member and past chair of the Eden Township Hospital District Board, a member and past president of the Eden Area League of Women Voters, the National Women's Political Caucus of Southern Alameda County, and the Greater Canyon Area Homeowners Association. Suzanne is a member of the Alameda County Housing and Community Development Committee, the California Elected Women's Association for Education and Research (CEWAER), the Eden Area member of the Youth Collaborative Resources Group, and is on the Board of Directors of the Hispanic Community Affairs Council Scholarship Committee.

Additionally, she is the community representative to the Healthy Start Steering Committee, an appointed member to the Castro Valley Advisory Committee by the local county supervisor, a tutor in the Hayward Library Tutorial Program and has been an active member and chair of the Parent-Teacher Associations at her children's schools since the 1970s.

"Suzanne began her community involvement with a successful effort to save her children's elementary school from a bulldozer's blade to make way for a freeway extension. Most recently, she successfully established a \$30 million endowment fund as a member of the hospital board to improve the health of the people in our area. In between is an extraordinary record of public service to the citizens of our communities in Alameda County," Corbett stated.

The Legislature's "Woman of the Year" ceremony is sponsored by the Women's Legislative Caucus and is held annually in March to coincide with Women's History Month.

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